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General Comment

It is critical for our environment, our economy, and our quality of life that we restore the Chesapeake Bay to health. Without strong leadership from the Environmental Protection Agency, in the form of this TMDL and aggressive backstop provisions, the Bay will continue to decline.

1000 Friends of Maryland works to protect Maryland's natural areas and open spaces, enhance the quality of life in our communities, create strong cities and towns, and improve public transportation through strategic public participation, education, research and advocacy. We are committed to realizing the goals of smart growth through supporting development that revitalizes our communities, protects our environment, and promotes a better quality of life while opposing policies that allow continued degradation through poorly-planned growth.

1000 Friends of Maryland supports the draft Chesapeake Bay TMDL with strong backstop provisions from the EPA. We respectfully call on the EPA to pay particular attention to loads from growth, with a critical analysis of how the Bay states plan to accommodate future development. We respectfully submit the attached comments in support of the draft TMDL.

Attachments

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